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SUBJECT: ANKARA MEDIA REACTION REPORT,  
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THREE THEMES:

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HEADLINES

MASS APPEALS

US drops two-ton bombs on Fallujah to kill Zarkawi - Aksam  
EU aid package leaves Greek Cypriots out - Hurriyet  
Iran kills 8 PKK militants - Hurriyet  
People magazine: John Edwards the 'sexiest' politician -  
Sabah  
'Sexy' partner for Kerry - Hurriyet  
Former rival becomes partner for Kerry - Milliyet  
Baradei's historic visit to Israel - Aksam

OPINION MAKERS

PM Allawi cooperates with US in bombing Fallujah -  
Cumhuriyet  
Bremer: Iraqi democracy will be 'sloppy and messy' -  
Cumhuriyet  
Nato delegation in Iraq for training - Zaman  
Arabs angry at Barzani's federation claim - Yeni Safak  
Iran fights the PKK - Cumhuriyet  
PM Erdogan: No intention to withdraw troops from Cyprus -  
Zaman  
Blacks, Latinos prefer Kerry - Cumhuriyet  
Kerry's partner is Edwards - Radikal  
Israeli troops kill US professor and son - Radikal  
Taliban attack US base in Kandahar - Yeni Safak

BRIEFING

Syrian, Israeli officials due to visit Ankara: Ankara will  
host Syrian PM El-Otari and Israeli Deputy PM Olmert in July  
as part of Turkish efforts to support the framework of the  
Broad Middle East project, "Radikal" reports. Ankara will  
discuss with the Syrian PM issues ranging from Iraq to the  
PKK/Kongra-Gel. Ankara will also inform El-Otari about  
Turkish plans for training Iraqi security forces. Turkish  
and Israeli officials, meanwhile, are working to clarify  
arrangements for the Olmert visit. Diplomatic sources  
expect the sides to discuss Ankara's mission as a mediator  
between Israel and Syria, "Radikal" claims.

Iraq's neighbors support Turkmen: The Iraqi Turkmen Front  
(ITF) opened a representation office in Damascus last week,  
and will open offices in Tehran and Cairo next month,  
"Cumhuriyet" reports. Syria, Iran and Egypt share Turkey's  
concerns over Iraq, and have decided to increase support for  
the Turkmen, the paper claims. Ankara is also enhancing its  
dialogue with Iraqi Shiite groups opposed to the Kurds'  
separatist inclinations. In February, Turkey's special Iraq  
envoy, Ambassador Osman Koruturk, was received by Shiite  
leader al-Sistani, who usually declines to meet with  
foreigners.

EU to help Cyprus: The EU Commission will announce on  
Wednesday a financial aid package for northern Cyprus. The  
259 million euro assistance package will be transferred to  
the Turkish Cypriots between 2004-2006 through an EU office  
to be opened in the north. The EU will carry out the  
assistance program without the involvement of Greek Cypriot  
authorities in the south. Meanwhile, 'TRNC PM' Talat's CTP,  
the leading coalition partner in the Turkish Cypriot  
parliament, has put forward a motion calling for early  
general elections to be held on September 26. Resignations  
from the coalition have caused the government to lose its  
majority in the 50-seat parliament.

EDITORIAL OPINION:

a) NATO  
b) Darfur Crisis  
"NATO has Reshaped Its Vision"  
Fatih Karaosmanoglu observed in the liberal-intellectual  
Radikal (7/7): "The NATO summit in Istanbul served as a

platform for the Alliance to shape its new vision. This new vision has three fundamental parts: Change in the NATO threat concept; expansion of areas of engagement; and the possibility of allowing new members into NATO. ... Turkey should read the new transformation process in its proper context in order to come up with its own plan for the future. The plan should cover the specifics of the new role for Turkey within the Greater Middle East Initiative as a democratic partner. So far Turkey contributed to this process by making strong arguments on the need for internal dynamics to be the engine for democratic change. This initiative is a dynamic project, however, and Turkey should carefully analyze any plans put forward by other players that might fall outside of Turkey's policy parameters. ... Now that the summit is over, Turkey must revise its policy of engagement in the political, educational, and security areas, particularly with regard to Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine. This process is in fact a virtuous circle: the more a country engages on international issues, the more it becomes a part of the decision-making mechanism."

"The World is Watching a Massacre"

Zafer Atay noted in the economic-political *Dunya* (7/7): "The name of Darfur in Sudan was completely unknown until the day Secretary Powell and UNSG Annan went there. In this

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forgotten part of the world's geography, the population is predominantly African Muslim. Other ethnic groups are also present, but the government is in the hands of the Arabs. Now the central government is engaged in a policy of ethnic cleansing. The horrible events are no different than the Serbian brutality against Bosnian Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina. There is systematic rape in Darfur that aims to reduce the African Muslim population significantly. ... After Secretary Powell's visit to the area, the world has started to pay attention to these horrible events. The UN Security Council is now going to take up the issue. Thanks to Powell. What about the others? Where is the Islamic Conference, the EU the UK? Good night to all of them."

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